

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please enter the attached corrected drawing Fig. 3, in which the elements of reference numbers "219" and "220" are being added into the structure of reference number "217" with lines therebetween, to replace Fig. 3 as originally filed. A Letter to Draftsperson is also submitted herewith.

REMARKS

The above amendments to the above-captioned application along with the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Official Action dated February 25, 2005. Applicants thank the Examiner for taking the undersigned representative's telephone calls and providing the relevant information. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to give due reconsideration to this application, to indicate the allowability of the claims, and to pass this case to issue.

Status of the Claims

Claims 9-10 are under consideration in this application. Claim 11 is being cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 9-10 are being amended, as set forth above and in the attached marked-up presentation of the claim amendments, in order to more particularly define and distinctly claim Applicants' invention.

Additional Amendments

All the amendments to the claims, the specification and the drawings are supported by the specification. Applicants hereby submit that no new matter is being introduced into the application through the submission of this response.

Formality Rejection

The drawings were objected to for failing to show all of the claimed features of the present invention, specifically that the limitation of claim 10 is not shown. The specification and claims were objected to for various informal errors throughout, and the Examiner suggested amendments to correct those deficiencies. Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for reciting features inconsistent with its parent claim 9.

As indicated, the claims, the specification, and drawings have been amended as required by the Examiner. Accordingly, the withdrawal of the outstanding informality rejection is in order, and is therefore respectfully solicited.

Allowable Subject Matters

Claims 9 and 11 would be allowed if after overcoming the above-mentioned objections and rejections. As the claims are being amended to overcome the above-mentioned objections and rejections, they are in condition for allowance.

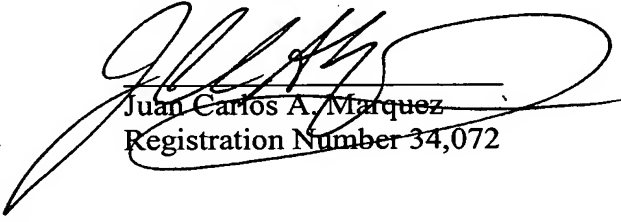
Conclusion

In view of all the above, clear and distinct differences as discussed exist between the present invention as now claimed and the prior art reference upon which the rejections in the Office Action rely, Applicants respectfully contend that the prior art references cannot anticipate the present invention or render the present invention obvious. Rather, the present invention as a whole is distinguishable, and thereby allowable over the prior art.

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

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